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Applicant: Cepeda : Art Unit: 3623  
Serial No.: 09/731,161 : Examiner: Michael C. Heck  
Filed: December 6, 2000 :  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :  
ALLOCATING OPERATING :  
EXPENSES :  
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1. Transmitted herewith is:  
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STATUS

2. Applicant  claims small entity status.  
 is other than a small entity.

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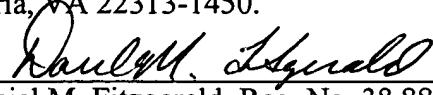
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## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

Fee Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL INDEP.	56	MINUS	56	=0	x \$9 = \$			x \$18 = \$0.00	
	4	MINUS	4	=0	x \$42 = \$			x \$84 = \$0.00	
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 = \$			+ \$280 = \$	
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$0.00		

(a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b)  Total additional fee for claims required \$

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5.        Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
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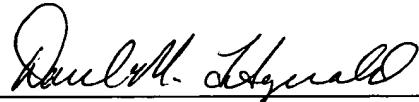
**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.  Other:



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